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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
 - ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - ☒ the description:
 - pages 1-11 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - ☒ the claims:
 - nos. 1-18 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 - nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - ☒ the drawings:
 - sheets 1/2-2/2 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 - ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, nos. _____
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, nos. _____
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-4 741 122;

D2: DE-A-10 013 266.

2. Document D1, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claims 1 and 16, describes (the references between parentheses apply to said document):

a device for mixing and treating plant waste (column 1, lines 8-15), which device comprises (column 6, line 15 to column 7, line 27; figure 1) a vertical silo comprising a worm screw for conveying material from the bottom towards the top (reference signs 12 and 15 in figure 1; column 7, lines 19-27) and means (reference signs 3 and 14 in figure 1) for moving material from the upper portion of said silo to the lower central portion thereof.

Document D2 (paragraphs 21 to 42; figure 1) also describes a mixing device that has a central worm

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screw.

Neither document D1 nor D2 describes a mixing device provided with means that are distributed vertically on a series of different levels and capable of lifting material from each of said levels and releasing same. It follows that the subject matter of claims 1 and 16 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

3. The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can therefore be considered to be that of providing a mixing device in which the material can be distributed uniformly and the aggregates of said material can be broken up.

During the rotation of said means that are distributed on various levels, the blades lift the material, which slides along said blade then falls therefrom when it passes the upper edge of said blade. Such movement breaks up the aggregates. Moreover, the process causes some mixing of said material with material in the peripheral area. Since no such dual effect is described in the prior art, the subject matter of the claims is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3)).

4. Claims 2-15, 17 and 18 are dependent on claims 1 and 16 and, as such, therefore also fulfil the PCT requirements of novelty and inventive step.